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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 15, 1896. 269

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1615

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Hongkong, October 23, 1894. 1711

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J. W. R. TAYLOR, Manager, Hongkong.
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JAPAN	Verona	Noon, 28th Feb.	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI, N. S. A. K. ROBE & YAMA, Formosa		About 28th Feb.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	Borneo	About 5th March	Freight or Passage.
STRAITS & B'WAY, Brindisi		About 12th March	Freight or Passage (calling at Colombo, if sufficient inducement offers).
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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, ALF. WOOLLEY, Acting Superintendent.
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Hongkong, February 19, 1896. 868

Auctions.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

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the 25th February, 1896, at 3 p.m.,—

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Hongkong, February 18, 1896. 384

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1896.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY),
the 22nd February.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURES will be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., 23rd Instant, at 9 a.m., and on the Betan Trip will leave Macao at 10 p.m.

The PROCESSION of the CROSS will take place in MACAO in the Afternoon, FAKE there and back \$2. No Single or Second-class Tickets will be obtained at the Club's Office, or on the STEAMER before the above.

T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 18, 1896. 380

DIOCESAN SCHOOL & ORPHANAGE.

SCHOOL DUTIES will be RESUMED on MONDAY, 24th Instant.

For Terms for Boarders or Day-scholars, apply to

THE HEAD MASTER.

Hongkong, February 19, 1896. 394

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 31st December, 1895, at the rate of ONE POUND and FIVE SHILLINGS STRAITS (\$1.5/-) per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th day of February, current, at the OFFICES of the Corporation, where SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 16, 1896. 382

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THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTH Ordinary Annual General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, will be held at the Bank's PREMISES, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 7th day of March, at Noon.

The Transfer BOOKS and REGISTER of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th day of February to 1st day of March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 19, 1896. 867

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Tenth Ordinary Annual General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, 33 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 26th Instant, at Eleven a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Governing Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1895.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 26th Instant (both days inclusive).

By Order,
HART BUCK, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 16, 1896. 381

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, No. 14 Praya Central, on TUESDAY, the 26th February, 1896, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the 31st December, 1895.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COOKE, Acting General Manager.

Hongkong, February 14, 1896. 1716

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

Hongkong, February 17, 1896. 376

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE of CROWN LAND by Public Auction, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 24th day of February, 1898, at 4 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 24th day of February, 1898, at 4 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Three Lots of Crown Land, at North Point, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 years.

Particulars of the Lots.	Boundary	Area	Annual Rent	Upset Price
No. 1. 277	North Point	100,000 sq. ft.	25,000	750
No. 2. 278	North Point	100,000 sq. ft.	25,000	750
No. 3. 279	North Point	100,000 sq. ft.	25,000	750

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By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 25th day of February, 1898, at 3 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, at North Point, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 years.

Particulars of the Lot.	Boundary	Area	Annual Rent	Upset Price
No. 1. 280	North Point	100,000 sq. ft.	25,000	750

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on the 25th February, 1898, 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road—
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,
(For Sundry Accounts),
comprising—
Tapestry with Floor-covered Draw-
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res, Carpet and Rugs,
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Dresses and Single Iron Bedsteads,
Wardrobes with Bevelled Glass Doors,
Chest of Drawers, Dressing Tables and
Mable-top Washstands.
Two JEWELLERS.

Terms of Sale.—As customary.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 19, 1898 353

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. GILMAN & Co., Lloyds Agents, to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 26th day of February instant, at 12 o'clock Noon,
(Unless previously disposed of by private contract),
On Board,
THE BRITISH STEAMSHIP BONNINGTON,
of 1,331 Tons Register—as she now lies in this Harbour.

In One Lot, comprising the Hull, Machinery, Masts, Rigging and Fittings, Engines, Cables and Anchors, &c., &c.

Terms of Sale.—One-third of the Purchase Money to be paid on the fall of the hammer and the remainder within one week from date of Sale.

The Vessel and everything pertaining thereto to be at Purchaser's risk immediately after being knocked down.

For further Particulars, apply to
HUGHES & HOUGH,
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PRICES \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00.

The Public are Reminded that NO CHITS WILL BE TAKEN at the Booking Office.
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E. D. SANDERS,
Hon. Secretary.

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A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FRASER'S HALL, on MONDAY, the 24th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially invited to attend.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Per (via Nagasaki), Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) SUNDAY, Feb. 23, at daylight.

City of Rio Janeiro (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) THURSDAY, Mar. 12, at noon.

City of Feking (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) TUESDAY, Mar. 31, at noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *FERU* will be despatched from SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., on MONDAY, the 28th February, at Daylight, taking Passengers and Freight to Japan, the Orient, Europe, and America.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

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Passengers holding ORDERS TO EXCHANGE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of 24 cents in addition to the regular rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-shipment to San Francisco to Atlantic and Pacific Ports of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, Central and South America, by the Company's connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until the day previous to sailing, and thereafter it will be received at the office only, and is subject to a full value at any time.

Crews are provided to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in San Francisco, to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passages and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

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Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Loading.
Amoy, Fohow & Shanghai	Kassu (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 24, at 3 p.m.
Bombay & Port of Call	Prinz Heinrich (s).	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	March 3, at 9 a.m.
Japan.	Vrona (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 23, at noon.
London & Hamburg	Norica (s).	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	February 28.
London & Port of Call	Ravenna (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 27, at noon.
London, v. Suez Canal	Diomed (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	March 5.
London.	Bombay (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 20.
Manila.	Zahro (s).	Shewan & Co.	About March 20.
Manilla, v. Saigon	Ostend (s).	Shewan & Co.	About March 20.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Port Adelaide (s).	Shewan & Co.	About March 20.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Peru (s).	O. & S. S. Co.	Feb. 22, at 3 p.m.
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San Francisco.	Queen Elizabeth.	Shewan & Co.	Feb. 23, daylight.
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Shanghai and Chongking.	Kwella (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	February 24.
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Sydney & Melbourne.	Airlie (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 24, at 3 p.m.
Tacoma (Wash.) &c.	Hankow (s).	Nor. P. & S. R. Co.	March 10, at noon.
Tientsin.	Nauchang (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 25, at 3 p.m.
Tientsin.	Ching Ping (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	March 3.
Tientsin.	Kwai (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	March 3.
Yamaguchi (B.O.A.).	Sources (s).	Canadian Pfr. Co.	March 18, at noon.
Yokohama and Kobe.	Tainan (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	February 26.

To-day's Advertisements.

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Hongkong, January 21, 1898. 412

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Nauchang*,
Capt. Price, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 24th Instant, at 3 p.m.

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Hongkong, February 21, 1898. 391

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, FOCHOW & SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Kassu*,
Capt. Somerville, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 24th Instant, at 3 p.m.

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Hongkong, February 21, 1898. 404

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship *Taiwan*,
Capt. Ramsay, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 26th Instant.

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

The Steamship *Kassu*,
Capt. Ramsay, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 26th Instant.

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Hongkong, February 21, 1898. 400

FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT).

The Steamship *Ching Ping*,
Capt. Price, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 2nd March.

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CARLWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 21, 1898. 408

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour—
Blundell Castle, British ship, Capt. R. M. Ferguson—Shewan & Co.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

3 p.m.—*Zafro* leaves for Manila.

Amusements.

9.30 p.m.—A. D. O. Performance at City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

11.45 a.m.—Local Banks close.

11.45 a.m.—Insurance Office close.

Hongkong Races.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, February 23.—

9 a.m.—Excursion trip by *Monaco* to Macao.

MONDAY, February 24.—

Recommencing of Diocesan School and Orphanage.

Goods per Steamer *Ernest Simons* unclaimed after Noon subject to rent.

4 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at North Point.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Rothen Mark Lodge.

TUESDAY, February 25.—

11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Sundry Household Furniture, &c., at Mr. J. M. Armstrong's.

3 p.m.—Auction of Ponies at opposite the City Hall.

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at South of Wanchai Road.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of British Screw Steamer *Bonington*, on Board.

MONDAY, March 2.—

9 a.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

SATURDAY, March 7.—

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The National Bank of China, Ltd., at the Bank's Premises.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, January 1, 1898.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKER.

The United States Mail Packet *Pony* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 23rd February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

11 a.m.—Registry closes.

11.30 a.m.—Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet, with late fee of 10 cents extra, until the time of departure.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.40 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1898.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Ashtodon*, January 21; *Dorothy Rickmers*, *Elektra*, 28; *Kriemhild*, *Salate*, 31; *Agila*, *Germar*, *Mercur*, *Prims*, Feb. 4; *Benzig*, *Gleichen*, *Prims*, *Australia*, 7; *Shang-hai*, 11; *Tientsin*, 16.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Habro*, Jan. 7; *Monmouthshire*, 14; *Malacca*, *Expedita*, 17; *Maria Valeria*, *Bengale*, 24; *Ceylon*, 28; *Hertha</*

HONGKONG RACE MEETING, 1896.

Stewards—His Excellency Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G.; His Excellency Vice-Admiral Alexander, R.N.; His Excellency Major-General Wilmot Black, O.B.; Commodore Boyes, R.N.; Colonel Anstey, R.E.; Major The Hon. E. Noel, The Rifle Brigade; Lieut.-Colonel E. T. Faithful, Hongkong Regiment; Major W. D. Gannett, Buffs; The Hon. J. J. Ballantyne, The Hon. O. P. Chater; A. Coxon, Esq.; R. M. Gray, Esq.; M. Grote, Esq.; O. F. Harton, Esq.; J. D. Humphreys, Esq.; T. Jackson, Esq.; R. Shewan, Esq.; The Hon. T. H. Whitehead, Esq.

Clerks of Scales—R. Shewan, Esq., and C. F. Harton, Esq.

Judge—The Hon. O. P. Chater.

Starter—M. Grote, Esq.

2nd Starter—D. Laudau, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer—J. O. Peter, Esq.

Clerk of the Course—L. E. Hough, Esq.

RENNER DAY—Friday, Feb. 21.

Racing was resumed to-day under disagreeable atmospheric conditions. During the night rain had fallen, making the track heavier than on the opening day, and the north wind was both stronger and colder. It was a dully dull day overhead, cold and cheerless, and it required a considerable amount of enthusiasm and a touch of Mark Tapscott to be able to say it was an enjoyable day. The draughty Grand Stand was almost entirely deserted, but the numerous private boxes were well patronized, not only, apparently, because of the shelter they afforded from the bitter north wind but because of the creature comforts which were dispensed with old-time liberality. The attendance was much larger than on Thursday, Chinese and other coloured races swarming the enclosure within the rails. In the paddock there was a somewhat meagre attendance at the commencement of the racing, but after tiffin the numbers increased, and there was a very large proportion of ladies, whose special Rolleis, however, had with regret, to be hidden under the press and less artistic but infinitely more appropriate and certainly more comfortable mantle or cloak. (The accuracy of these articles of femininity is not guaranteed.)

We are pleased to see the Stewards are not above accepting suggestions for improvement. The posting of the times on the winners' board is unquestionably an improvement; and the Stewards might effect yet another by keeping unobstructed the view of the official black-board on the basement of the Grand Stand. The course appeared to have stood Thursday's racing wonderfully well—a testimony of the care bestowed upon it by Mr. Hough during the past anxious week. It had been carefully relined and dressed, and, speaking generally, although heavy-going, was in good condition.

As on the opening day, the Police deserve to be congratulated on keeping well-regulated the stream of vehicular traffic on the route to the Race-course. Inspector Duncan was in charge of this branch of the work, whilst Chief-Inspector Corcoran was in command of the detachment on duty at the Happy Valley.

The racing was distinguished by much of the uncertainty which characterized yesterday's races. There were no very exciting finishes, the winning ponies invariably asserting their superiority before entering the straight. Mr. John Peel was unfortunate in losing the Exchange Plate to Sinner. Selman held a long lead, but as he entered the straight he shied at the rail and kept scowling off towards the ditch into which he ultimately deposited his rider. Mr. Master, who, fortunately, was not hurt, Straightforward was ridden with much judgment, and easily accounted for the beautiful German Cup, which lies with the Tai Yauk Fong Cup as the principal event on the second day. The best race of the day was for the Navy Cup, won, after a splendid finish, by Surprise. In the last race Mr. Morton Jones had the misfortune to have a split, his bridle breaking away. He was not hurt. Standard was going lame, and his owners decided not to send him out.

Selections of manes were played during the day by the Band of the Hongkong Regiment.

Appended are details of the racing:—

1.—THE SWEET STAKES.—A Sweepstakes of \$10 each. For China Ponies bond side Griffins on date of entry. Second Pony to receive \$50. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners 7 lbs. extra. One Mile.

Mr. Buxey's Comet, 11.1 (Mr. Crawford) 1
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 10.12 (Mr. Hart Buck) 2
Mr. Newman's Telegraph, 10.12 (Mr. Burdick) 3
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Speedwell, 11.1 (Mr. Midwood) 0
Mr. Boyle's Paradox, 11.0 (Mr. Marshall) 0
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 11.1 (Mr. Hart Buck) 0
Messrs. Alexander and Taylor's Greyhound, 11.1 (Mr. Taylor) 0
Messrs. Alexander and Taylor's Kismet, 11.4 (Mr. Taylor) 0
Mr. Fourman's Sinner, 11.1 (Mr. Jones) 0

Punctually at twelve, the ponies were at the starting post. There was considerable difficulty in getting a start, several breakers away taking place. Sinner appeared to be somewhat restless. A good start was ultimately made. Paradox leading from Speedwell. Paradox maintained his position round the bend, and Comet went into second place. Passing the plantation, Comet took the lead. After the Rock had been passed Mr. Crawford let Comet extend himself, leaving Paradox a length behind. Redoubt led forward at the bend, and a fine race home took place between Comet and Redoubt. Comet, however, maintained his lead, and won by half a length. Telegraph third. Time—2.16. Pari-Mutuel, \$13.20.

2.—THE EXCHANGE PLATE.—Presented by the Bankers and Exchange Brokers of Hongkong. Second Pony to receive \$50. For China Ponies bond side Griffins on date of entry allowed 5 lbs. extra. This Meeting 5 lbs. extra. Entrance \$10. One Mile and Three Quarters.

Mr. Fourman's Sinner, 11.9 (Mr. Burdick) 1
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 10.12 (Mr. Hart Buck) 2
Mr. Power and Lord C. Conyngham's Borderer, 10.12 (Mr. Taylor) 3
Mr. Boyle's Bluejacket, 10.9 (Mr. Midwood) 0
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 10.9 (Mr. Hart Buck) 0
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 10.9 (Mr. Hart Buck) 0

A good start was effected, Bluejacket being the first to get away, the others following in a cluster, with Borderer and Belman in prominence. At the Plantation, Bluejacket gained a lead of a length. Going up the hill, Borderer came up to Bluejacket at the Rock, and the two went down the hill in company. Bluejacket increased his lead from Borderer, with Belman third. Coming down the straight the ponies closed up, and Telegraph went up to Borderer from the outside. Passing the bridge, the leader was ahead at least four lengths, with Sinner second creeping up. At the plantation, Bluejacket dropped behind, and was passed by the other two. Belman then assumed a lead of six lengths from Sinner; Telegraph third. The leader maintained this position coming round the bend, while Telegraph crept up to Sinner. Entering the straight, Belman, who appeared to have the race at his mercy, swerved, and threw his rider into the ditch. Sinner had it now almost to himself, leading by several lengths from Telegraph and they finished in this order, Borderer a long way behind. Time, 4.07. Pari-Mutuel, \$7.

3.—THE GARRISON CUP.—Presented by the Officers of the Garrison. Second Pony to receive \$75. For China Ponies bond side Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners 7 lbs. extra. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. Buxey's Surprise, 10.12 (Mr. Crawford) 1
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 10.12 (Mr. Hart Buck) 2
Mr. Fourman's Sinner, 11.4 (Mr. Jones) 3
Messrs. Alexander and Taylor's Sun of a Gun, 11.1 (Mr. Taylor) 0
Lord C. Conyngham's Monte Carlo, 10.9 (Mr. Burdick) 0
Messrs. Alexander and Taylor's King-cote, 11.1 (Mr. Taylor) 0
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 11.4 (Mr. Hart Buck) 0
Mr. Lay Dillan's The Best, 11.1 (Mr. Hart Buck) 0
Capt. Loveband's Xerxes, 10.12 (Mr. Hart Buck) 0

Another good start. Kingcote made the running for his stable companion, Sun of a Gun, closely followed by Variation and Monte Carlo. Rounding the turn, Kingcote was held in and Monte Carlo went to the front, but Kingcote came again, and was leading past the Grand Stand from Surprise, Monte Carlo third, and Belringer fourth. Going round the bend, Scandal was fourth. At this point, Surprise disposed of Kingcote of the lead, Variation and Scandal went to the front at the plantation, but Surprise on the rail held them, and coming down the hill Surprise and Scandal drew away from Variation, who was rapidly overhauled by Belringer. The race was now over. Surprise had the best of Scandal coming round the bend, entering the straight leading by two lengths, Variation and Belringer rapidly catching up. Fourman's pony, Surprise won comfortably, but a splendid race ensued between Variation and Scandal, the former getting second place by half-a-neck. Belringer fourth. Time—2.52. Pari-Mutuel, \$8.60.

4.—THE GERMAN CUP.—Presented by Members of the German Club. Second Pony to receive half the entrance fees. For Subscriptions Griffins of this season, 1895-1896. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. Arnold's Straightforward, 1.9 (Mr. Master) 1
Mr. Fourman's Sinner, 10.9 (Mr. Burdick) 2
Mr. Tierce's Bantam, 10.9 (Mr. Burdick) 3
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Armistice, 11.1 (Mr. Burdick) 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Armistice, 11.1 (Mr. Burdick) 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Armistice, 11.1 (Mr. Burdick) 0
Mr. R. Alexander's Blue Green, 11.4 (Mr. Taylor) 0
Mr. Burdick's Sensation, 11.4 (Mr. Taylor) 0
Mr. George's Hurdle, 10.9 (Mr. Taylor) 0
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 10.12 (Mr. Hart Buck) 0
Mr. P. Paul's Leonidas, 11.0 (Mr. Marshall) 0
Mr. Buxey's Lightheart, 11.1 (Mr. Crawford) 0
Mr. Boyle's Paradox, 11.0 (Mr. Marshall) 0
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 11.1 (Mr. Hart Buck) 0
Mr. Charles Piguet, 11.1 (Mr. Radcliffe) 0
Mr. Jay's Herald, 10.12 (Mr. Hart) 0
Mr. Tibbo's Sleepy Jim, 10.12 (Mr. Hart) 0
Mr. Quintin's Bantam, 11.1 (Mr. Taylor) 0
Mr. Medicine's Microbe, 10.9 (Mr. Taylor) 0

The large field left to a good start, Howlet showing prominently. Sinner then came away with a rush, closely followed by Herald, Howlet, and Variation. In this order they passed the Grand Stand at a canter, Sinner far behind. Turning the bend, Sinner was leading by about two lengths. Armistice went up to Sinner at the bridge, and Straightforward came into second position. Going up the hill Armistice held a slight lead from Sinner; but Straightforward was creeping up, and at the plantation, Variation came into second position. Going up the hill Variation held a slight lead from Sinner; but Straightforward was creeping up, and at the plantation, Variation came into second position. Going up the hill Variation held a slight lead from Sinner; but Straightforward was creeping up, and at the plantation, Variation came into second position. Time—2.47. Pari-Mutuel, \$10.00.

5.—THE PROFESSIONAL CUP.—Presented. Second Pony to receive half the entrance fees. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race for inches as per scale. Extra. Previous non-starters to carry 12 lbs. extra. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. Buxey's Mayberry, 10.12 (Mr. Crawford) 1
Mr. Jay's Ambition, 11.8 (Mr. Jones) 2
Mr. Dryadus's Shiny William, 11.4 (Mr. Marshall) 3
Mr. Boyle's Dumore, 11.4 (Mr. Midwood) 0
Mr. Newman's Komatus, 11.1 (Mr. Burdick) 0
Mr. Power and Lord C. Conyngham's Borderer, 10.12 (Mr. Taylor) 0
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 10.12 (Mr. Hart Buck) 0
An excellent start was effected, Shiny William finding his legs immediately, leading from Komatus and Dumore, Mayberry last. Going past the Stand, the order was—Shiny William, Dumore, Komatus, Toccin, Mayberry, Ambitious, and Borderer a long way behind. Shiny William held a long lead from Dumore at the bridge, and Borderer went into third place along with Komatus. At the plantation Toccin and Mayberry improved their position. Shiny William still kept the lead from Komatus going up the hill. Toccin went forward at the Black Rock, and read alongside the leader down hill, with Ambitious and Mayberry following. Coming into the straight the latter two drew alongside the others, and Mayberry came out in splendid form and topped the three lengths ahead of Ambitious, who finished a length ahead of Shiny William; Toccin fourth. Time—2.50. Pari-Mutuel, \$12.30.

6.—THE JOCKEY CUP.—Value \$200. Second Pony to receive \$50. For Subscription Ponies of any season, winners excluded. To be ridden by Jockeys who have never had a winning mount previous to this Meeting in Hongkong or China. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Mr. Derick-Hunter's Eureka, 11.1 (Mr. Radcliffe) 1
General Black's Chance, 10.12 (Mr. Sterling) 2
Col. O'Gorman's Albany, 10.9 (Mr. O'Gorman) 3
Dr. Noble's Presto, 10.12 (Dr. Noble) 0
Mr. Leon's Plancher, 10.10 (Mr. Brooke) 0
Major Moore's Backsheat, 10.12 (Mr. Paley) 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Truce, 10.9 (Mr. Power) 0
Mr. Medicine's M. D., 10.12 (Capt. Hunt) 0
Albany cut out the running from a good start and led past the Grand Stand from Chance. Chance then led round the turn, accompanied by M. D., Albany third, Burnside fourth. Burnside went ahead going up the hill and at the Black Rock Chance joined him with Albany. The trio came down the hill together, and at the foot M. D. tried to get forward; coming down the straight, Burnside drew away from Chance. Albany and Chance need hard for second place. Burnside won by about two lengths, Chance second, and Col. O'Gorman's mount third, beaten by a head. Time—2.31. Pari-Mutuel, \$14.60.

7.—THE FERRY STAKES.—A Sweepstakes of \$5 each with 100 added. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Ponies of any season non-winners allowed 7 lbs. extra. Previous winners of any season winners allowed 3 lbs. extra. Previous winners at this Meeting 7 lbs. extra. Three Quarters of a Mile.

Mr. Dryadus's Kinder, 11.9 (Mr. Burdick) 1
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 11.1 (Mr. Hart Buck) 2
Major Thomas's Morrison, 10.9 (Mr. Taylor) 3
Mr. Buxey's Black Velvet, 11.1 (Mr. Midwood) 0
Messrs. Alexander and Taylor's Komatus, 11.4 (Mr. Taylor) 0
Mr. Buxey's Planet, 11.4 (Mr. Taylor) 0
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 11.1 (Mr. Hart Buck) 0
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 10.12 (Mr. Jones) 0
Captain Loveband's Armistice, 11.1 (Mr. Burdick) 0

Kinder led off at the start from The Laird, with Black Velvet heading the others in a bunch. Black Velvet went away at the Plantation, and assumed the lead coming down the hill from Kinder and The Laird, with Morrison close at their flanks. Kinder took the inside position at the foot of the hill, Planet coming into the third position alongside The Laird. Kinder established a good lead coming into the straight from The Laird and Black Velvet. Coming down the straight Morrison came on with a beautiful spurt, and caught up Black Velvet. Kinder beat The Laird by about two lengths; Morrison, third. Time—1.36. Pari-Mutuel, \$9.40.

8.—THE TAI YAU FONG CUP.—Value \$200. Presented by J. D. Humphreys, Esq. Second Pony to receive \$50. For China Ponies bond side Griffins on date of entry. Subscriptions Griffins weight for inches as per scale, other Griffins 7 lbs. extra. Previous winners 7 lbs. extra. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Half.

Mr. John Peel's Hatcherell, 11.8 (Mr. Master) 1
Mr. Newman's Telegraph, 11.0 (Mr. Burdick) 2
Mr. Fourman's Sinner, 11.8 (Mr. Jones) 3
Lord C. Conyngham's Monte Carlo, 11.3 (Mr. Burdick) 0
Mr. Channery's Comet, 11.8 (Mr. Taylor) 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Netting, 11.12 (Mr. Burdick) 0
Mr. Newman's Times, 11.8 (Mr. Jones) 0
They all got off in a cluster, and Monte Carlo came away leading from Sinner, with Telegraph third. Coming round the turn at the village Telegraph went forward. Entering the straight Monte Carlo was still maintaining the lead, but at the Grand Stand Comet was steered to the front closely followed by Telegraph and Netting. Hatcherell fourth. At the bridge Hatcherell went right into first position, closely followed by Times. On the hill, Telegraph dropped back into fourth position and Netting got alongside of Times. Hatcherell and

lead of three lengths at the Rock. Telegraph came again down the hill and went into second position at the home turn. Sinner assumed third place. Telegraph was flung going down the straight and Sinner's rider got to work, but neither of them got up to the leader who came in two lengths in front of Telegraph; Sinner third. Time—3.31. Pari-Mutuel, \$13.10.

9.—THE NAVY CUP.—Presented by Officers of H. M. Fleet. Second Pony to receive half the entrance fees. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners at this Meeting of one race 5 lbs. extra; of two races 7 lbs. extra; and of three or more races 10 lbs. extra. Non-starters at this Meeting excluded. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Half.

Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 11.1 (Mr. Hart Buck) 1
Mr. Boyle's Dumore, 11.4 (Mr. Midwood) 2
Mr. Newman's Komatus, 11.1 (Mr. Burdick) 3
Mr. Power and Lord C. Conyngham's Borderer, 10.12 (Mr. Taylor) 0
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10.—THE GYMNASIA STAKES.—Value \$150 presented by the Gymkhana Committee, added to a Sweepstakes of \$5 each. For Subscription Ponies of any season. Winners and previous non-starters excluded. First Pony to receive 10 pounds, second \$5, and third \$2.50. Weight for inches as per scale. One Mile.

Mr. Derick-Hunter's Armistice, 11.1 (Mr. Burdick) 1
General Black's Chance, 10.12 (Mr. Sterling) 2
Col. O'Gorman's Albany, 10.9 (Mr. O'Gorman) 3
Dr. Noble's Presto, 10.12 (Dr. Noble) 0
Mr. Leon's Plancher, 10.10 (Mr. Brooke) 0
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Mr. Derick-Hunter's Truce, 10.9 (Mr. Power) 0
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Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 11.1 (Mr. Hart Buck) 2
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Mr. Buxey's Black Velvet, 11.1 (Mr. Midwood) 0
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Mr. Dryadus's Kinder, 11.9 (Mr. Burdick) 1
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 11.1 (Mr. Hart Buck) 2
Major Thomas's Morrison, 10.9 (Mr. Taylor) 3
Mr. Buxey's Black Velvet, 11.1 (Mr. Midwood) 0
Messrs. Alexander and Taylor's Komatus, 11.4 (Mr. Taylor) 0
Mr. Buxey's Planet, 11.4 (Mr. Taylor) 0
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 11.1 (Mr. Hart Buck) 0
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Variation, 10.12 (Mr. Jones) 0
Captain Loveband's Armistice, 11.1 (Mr. Burdick) 0

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ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The second race for Mr. Pollock's Cup took place on Sunday, the 16th February, in the usual Sunday weather. The course was:—From the Police Pier, Kowloon, round North Railway Buoy and Mark Boat of Lyemau, leaving all to starboard; 12 miles.

Meteor—Mr. T. W. Lamont—54 seconds.
Erica—Mr. A. Donison—54 seconds.
Dart—Mr. A. H. Barlow—2 minutes.
Ladybird—Mr. J. Hastings—3 " "
Payne—Royal Engineers—3 " "
Stella—Capt. Sterling—6 " "
She—Mr. C. H. Galster—10 " "
Aileen—Lieut. Les Dillon—12 " "

The boats were sent off at 11.15, and Erica, Meteor, Stella, Ladybird and Payne crossed the line at intervals of a few seconds in the order named; She, Dart and Aileen being 3, 4 and 9 minutes late respectively. A light east breeze carried them down to near the Empress, where the wind changed to north and near the fairway buoy to Northwest. The Ladybird was the first round the buoy at 11.45, thanks to a luffing match between the Meteor and Erica, which resulted in the Erica getting round second at 11.47.04 then Meteor 11.50.52, Stella 11.53.40 and Payne 12.1.45. The She and Aileen gave up, being becalmed about half-way between the start and the buoy. Dart kept on, but her time was not taken. From the buoy to Kowloon Point the leading boats were barely able to stem the last of the flood tide, and off the Breakwater the Stella, Payne and Dart came along with a good west wind and closed up on the leaders. Ladybird still kept the lead, with Erica and Meteor in close attendance, and the Lyemau mark was rounded in the following order—Ladybird, Erica, Meteor, Stella, Payne and Dart, the last being some way astern, but the other five were round inside five minutes. The wind fell very light from south-west in the boat up, and the boats kept close in to the shore to avoid the strong ebb tide. When the leaders were off Quarry Point a good north wind came down, and Ladybird getting it first, swept away with a long lead, Erica being next and Meteor third. This wind kept up to the finish but was very light off Kowloon Point.

FINISH.
Ladybird 3.19.2
Erica 3.22.15
Meteor 3.22.21
Stella 3.25.11
Payne 3.55.11
Dart 3.58.0

The marks gained by the boats for this competition are:—

Erica 14
Ladybird 11
Meteor 6

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[Supplied to the 'CHINA MAIL']

LONDON, Feb. 19, 1896.

RUSSIA IN COREA.

Mr. Curzon, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, said that he could not state the duration of the Russian occupation of Corea, because he had no reason to believe any such occupation exists. No representations had been made to Russia on the subject.

BULGARIA.

Prince Ferdinand has been recognized by all the Powers.

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The following is the report of the Directors to the Fifth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the Office of the Bank, Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, on Saturday, 7th March, at noon:—

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Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Price.	Closing Quotations.
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Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	125	all	172 1/2 prem., \$340
Bank of China & Japan, Limited	39,950	2	all	241.10
Bank of China & Japan, Limited (preference shares)	199,975	2	all	1.10
National Bank of China, Limited	1,250	2	all	22, buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	200	50	\$190, sales
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	83.33	28	\$78, sales and buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	100	50	\$120, sales and buyers
Strait Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	100	50	\$120, sales and buyers
Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd.	10,000	100	50	\$120, sales and buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	5,000	100	50	\$120, sales and buyers
GENERAL INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	50	\$120, sales and buyers
Longkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	100	50	\$120, sales and buyers
DOCKS.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	12,500	125	all	151 % prem., \$313.75
SEAFARERS.				
China and Malacca S. S. Co., Ltd.	5,000	50	all	\$70, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	50	all	\$82, buyers
H.K. & M. Steamship Co., Ltd.	50,000	10	all	\$324, ex return of capital
Indo-China S. S. Company, Limited	20,000	10	all	\$184, buyers
China Mutual S. S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	10	all	\$184, buyers
DO. (now issue)	20,000	10	all	\$184, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	100	all	\$112
Larson Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	100	all	\$65, sellers
WAREHOUSES.				
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	50	all	\$45, ex div.
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,500	100	37	\$30
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	100	50	\$72, sales and buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	10	all	\$30, \$164, sellers
Hampshire Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	25,400	10	all	\$91, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	14,500	50	40	\$184
TRAMWAYS.				
H.K. High-Level Tramway Co., Ltd.	1,250	10	all	\$84, sellers
MINE.				
Jalapa Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	45,000	5	all	\$3, sellers
Panama Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	5	all	\$3.10, sales and buyers
Roches Freres & Co. (Charbonnages du Tonkin)	12,000	500	500	\$72
New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	50,000	3	all	\$1.30, buyers
Reub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	20,000	1	13/10	\$4.30, buyers
PLANTING, ETC.				
China-Borneo Company, Ltd.	7,500	1.0	50	nom.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited	8,000	50	all	\$5, sellers
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	6,000	50	all	\$22, buyers
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	60,000	10	all	\$11, sales and sellers
Dakin, Crookshank & Co., Ltd.	50,000	5	all	\$1
MINING.				
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	10	all	\$103, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	10	8	\$6.80
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	20,000	10	50	\$10, sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	8,000	2	1/2	\$16
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	10	all	\$6, buyers
Gen. Fenwick & Co., Limited	6,000	20	25	\$21, sales and buyers
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	6,000	50	all	\$30
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	0,000	10	all	\$7, sales
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	0,000	25	all	\$10, sellers
H'kong R. Co. Manufacturers Ltd.	13,000	50	all	\$10, buyers
Sho Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	10,000	100	75	\$15, buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	100	75	\$15, buyers
Laun-King-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	100	75	\$15, buyers
Carmichael & Co., Ltd.	2,000	25	20	\$20, sales
Boy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	2,000	50	15	\$20
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3. That the application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, and within a year at the most from the date of Posting.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for more than one article of any kind, such as portraits, watches, handkerchiefs, bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition. Nor on account of alleged losses of the Contents of Registered covers which have reached their destination. Nor on account of any article for which the addressee has signed a receipt.

Misent or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been misent or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, Sent by me, or Received at 7 p.m., or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. This action should be taken the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

1. Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, Patterns, Bills, Almanacs, &c., for addresses in Hongkong or the Ports of China, in batches of not less than ten of uniform size and weight may be sent to the Post Office unstamp the postage, at the rate of one cent each, being paid in cash or charged to the sender's account. Special accounts may be opened with non-boxholders for the delivery of considerable numbers of such articles.

2. Such covers, when addressed to places other than Hongkong or China, must be prepaid two cents each in stamps as heretofore.

3. Circulars, &c., must not exceed 2 ounces each in weight. Patterns, Almanacs, &c., must not exceed 4 ounces each in weight. Heavier articles will be charged ordinary rates.

4. Envelopes containing Patterns, &c., may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be enclosed in pattern packets.

5. Addresses must be complete. That is to say, on such covers as are not addressed to heads of houses the addressee's residence or place of business must be added. Incompletely addressed covers will be returned to the sender for address.

Money Orders.

(Office Hours (Sundays and holidays excepted) 10 to 4, Saturdays 10 to 1, but the office is open from 10 to 5 on the working day next before any mail for Europe, which leaves at noon.)

[Money orders cannot be issued or cashed on mail mornings, when closing mails for Europe, until noon.]

1. Money Orders are issued at Hongkong and Shanghai at current rates of exchange on the following Countries and places:—

Canada.

China (Hankow, Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo, Hankow, and Shanghai).

Ceylon.

Hawaii (Sandwich Islands).

British India (including Burma and the Agencies of the Indian Post Office in the Persian Gulf).

Japan (Yokohama and Hakodate).

New South Wales.

New Zealand.

Queensland.

Siam (Bangkok only).

South Australia.

Straits Settlements (Singapore, Penang and Malacca).

Tasmania.

United Kingdom.

Victoria.

United States of America.

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Foreign Countries:—

Austria-Hungary.

Bulgaria.

Belgium.

Chili.

Denmark (including Iceland and Faroe Islands).

Denmark West Indies.

Egypt.

France, with Algeria.

German Empire (including Heligoland and the Cameroons).

Holland.

Italy (with Agencies at Tripoli, Assab and Suva).

Norway.

Orange Free State.

Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores).

Roumania.

Switzerland.

Transvaal.

Tunis.

Foreign Cities and Towns:—

Constantinople.

Salonica.